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David,

I'm doing a follow-up story today on the planned removal of the EPA's ambient air concentration monitors around the Denka facility in St. John the Baptist Parish. In February, I covered your visit to the Tchoupitoulas Chapel in Reserve, La., and your promise to keep the monitoring in place until the S-PODs are operational. The attached letter from Region VI to LDEQ seems to suggest those S-PODs are not operational yet, but the monitoring will end at the end of this month. Is that still the plan? The monitor at Fifth Ward Elementary School measured a 27 percent increase in emissions over the first four months of 2020 as compared to the first four months of 2019, so residents are concerned that data about the spikes is still not available.

My deadline for the story is 2:00 central time. Thanks.

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